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Y1	<p>Central Idea: People's likes, feelings and talents make them unique.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: identity, similarities, differences</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What makes someone unique • Similarities and differences between people • Causes for different feelings 	<p>Central Idea: Personal histories can show how an individual changes over time.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: personal history, past, present</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant events and places in people's lives • How we understand our past through artifacts • Ways we can share our personal history 	<p>Central Idea: People enjoy and experience different forms of arts.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, reflection, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: creativity, communication, imagination</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different art forms • Ways of creating art • Materials and tools used in creating art 	<p>Central Idea: Understanding the properties of materials helps us know how to use them.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, function</p> <p>Related concepts: properties, prediction, behaviour</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The properties of materials • Similarities and differences between materials • The uses of different materials 	<p>Central Idea: People play different roles in the communities to which they belong.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: communities, roles, interaction, action</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various communities we belong to • Roles of people who are part of our communities • How people take action in the community 	<p>Central Idea: Living things have certain needs in order to grow and stay healthy.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, change</p> <p>Related concepts: living and non-living, growth, cycles</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characteristics of living things • The needs of living things • How living things change through their life cycle

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Y2	<p>An inquiry into nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.</p> <p>Central Idea: People's relationships with each other can have an impact on well-being.</p> <p>Key concepts: reflection, perspective, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: cooperation, friendship, choice, communication</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How communication can affect relationships How relationships can affect our well-being. Roles and behaviours in relationships. 	<p>An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilisations.</p> <p>Central Idea: The Earth's movement has an impact on people's activities and needs.</p> <p>Key concepts: change, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: weather, climate</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patterns of the sun and moon The earth's place in the universe How weather conditions affect people 	<p>An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.</p> <p>Central Idea: Stories communicate people's thoughts, feelings and experiences in a creative way.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, perspective, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: communication, characterization, expression</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different ways people share stories Why people share stories Techniques storytellers use to engage their audience 	<p>An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.</p> <p>Central Idea: People can apply their understanding of forces in everyday life.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, form, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: pushes and pulls, simple machines, data, science skills</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How objects move Features of simple machines How scientists collect and record data 	<p>An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the world.</p> <p>Central Idea: Materials can be used, reused and recycled.</p> <p>Key concepts: change, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: products, sustainability</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Materials around us Natural and manufactured materials Using materials responsibly in our community 	<p>An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</p> <p>Central Idea: The interdependence between living things affects their survival.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, connection, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: habitat, interdependence, survival, classification</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal and plant features Food chains and food webs Classification of living things



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Y3	<p>An inquiry into nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.</p> <p>Central Idea: Human body systems work together for good health.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, connection, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: systems, interdependence, choices and consequences</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the systems of the human body work The relationship between and among these systems The choices we make that affect physical health 	<p>An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilisations.</p> <p>Central Idea: People record the features of places and environments in different ways.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, function, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: geography, location, mapping</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The variability of places and environments around the world. The ways people record geographical features on maps The relationship of our location to other parts of the world. 	<p>An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.</p> <p>Central Idea: People share art with others.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, perspective, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: creativity, style, technique</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relationship between feelings and behaviours Communicating ideas, feelings and experiences through the arts Techniques and styles artists use 	<p>An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.</p> <p>Central Idea: Natural cycles influence the way the world works.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, causation, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: cycles, time, impact, seasons</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycles in the natural world The impact of cycles on human society How natural cycles are connected 	<p>An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the world.</p> <p>Central Idea: People create and use systems to help them work together effectively.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: human-made systems</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Features of school systems Similarities and differences between our systems and systems we know Ways systems help people work together. 	<p>An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</p> <p>Central Idea: People can make choices to support the sustainability of the Earth's resources.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, change, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: choice, sustainability, resource</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of water Forms of water on Earth Responsible use of Earth's resources



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Y4	<p>Central Idea: There are different ways to have a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Key concepts: causation, perspective, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: health, fitness, well-being</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of food and water on our bodies. How exercise and rest affects our well-being. The role of personal hygiene. 	<p>Central Idea: People use different resources to find out about the past.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: civilization, continuity, legacy</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ways to find out about history Significant events in history How people's daily lives have changed throughout history 	<p>Central Idea: Our experiences and imagination can inspire us to create.</p> <p>Key concepts: connection, perspective, reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: creativity, expression</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> People's roles in a production The impact of critical thinking on performance Ways people communicate meaning using different media and techniques 	<p>Central Idea: Powerful natural forces can change the earth's physical features and have an impact on lives.</p> <p>Key concepts: connection, change, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: tectonic plate movement, climate, geography, weather</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the different components of the Earth are inter-related How the Earth is continually changing The impact of powerful natural forces on human societies 	<p>Central Idea: Individuals and groups take action in order to meet people's needs.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, connection, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: cooperation, negotiation</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services that support a community Planning services for the needs of a community Opportunities for action and service in the community (local and global) 	<p>Central Idea: Living things need to adapt to survive.</p> <p>Key concepts: change, causation</p> <p>Related concepts: adaptation, extinction</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why living things adapt How living things adapt or respond to environmental conditions Actions that benefit or harm living things



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Y5	<p>Central Idea: Children have different rights, responsibilities, and opportunities.</p> <p>Key concepts: responsibility, form, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: rights, responsibilities, well-being</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual and collective responsibilities The rights of children Challenges and opportunities for children 	<p>Central Idea: People can learn through exploration and discovery.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, causation, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: exploration, progress, impact</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasons for exploration and discovery (historical and personal) Significant explorations and discoveries in history The consequences of explorations and discoveries. 	<p>Central Idea: People can create or manipulate messages to target specific audiences.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, perspective, reflection</p> <p>Related concepts: persuasion, critique, decision making, informed choices</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How images, text and music are used to influence behaviour of target audiences. Critical evaluation of messages presented in the media. How people respond to messages. 	<p>Central Idea: Energy makes things happen.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, change, function</p> <p>Related concepts: energy, conservation, transformation, progress</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different forms of energy Transformation of energy How scientific experiments help us to test ideas. 	<p>Central Idea: People engage in economic activities to meet their needs and wants.</p> <p>Key concepts: change, function, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Trade, development, supply and demand, consumers, producers</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trading practices over time The role of supply and demand Our responsibility as consumers and producers 	<p>Central Idea: Sustainability is our responsibility.</p> <p>Key concepts: change, responsibility, causation, sustainability, waste, resources</p> <p>Related concepts:</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the Earth is changing The impact of our actions on the world Factors that cause changes in the environment



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Y6	<p>EXHIBITION</p> <p>Central Idea: <i>To be determined by the class</i></p> <p>Key concepts: All PYP key concepts, with a focus on form and responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts:</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p>	<p>Central Idea: Human migration is a response to challenges, risks, and opportunities.</p> <p>Key concepts: causation, change, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: population, migration</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasons why people migrate • Migrations throughout history • Effects of migration on communities, culture and individuals 	<p>Central Idea: Arts provide opportunities to explore our creative potential and engage in a personal artistic journey.</p> <p>Key concepts: form, connection, perspective</p> <p>Related concepts: creativity, culture, literature</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different aspects and components that are used to create an art form • How we connect and respond personally to art • How stories can be told from different points of view 	<p>Central Idea: Scientific investigation is required in order to understand chemical and physical changes.</p> <p>Key concepts: change, function, connection</p> <p>Related concepts: chemical and physical changes</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions that cause reversible and irreversible changes in materials • The value of fair testing in a scientific investigation • The systematic process of scientific inquiry 	<p>Central Idea: Government systems influence the lives of citizens.</p> <p>Key concepts: function, perspective, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: citizenship, governance, laws, rules</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How government systems function • The role of human rights in government • The government's responsibilities to citizens 	<p>Central Idea: People around the world influence resolutions made to ensure peace and overcome conflict.</p> <p>Key concepts: Causation, perspective, responsibility</p> <p>Related concepts: Peace, conflict resolution, human rights</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of conflict • Human rights and equity • Actions people take to resolve conflict